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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, D/S, D/I, D/M, D/A, D/GG, D/GL, St/FM, St/CS (Info)
FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR
SUBJECT : ORR Contribution to the OCI Periodic Requirements
List (PRL) for Eastern Europe, 1 January - 30 April 1960.

1. Contributions are requested from your Branch or Staff for the next issue of the Eastern Europe PRL.
2. The Periodic Requirements Lists for major geographic areas, revised every four months, are intended to provide guidance for reporting officers on the aspects of current events having intelligence significance. The list should contain only those requirements which bear a direct relationship to current events and which could conceivably be answered within a four-month reporting period. The list is not intended to be a summary of current gaps. Occasionally current international situations may indicate that PRL items should be retained for an additional four-month period. However, when it is necessary, analysts should indicate the special circumstances justifying this retention.
3. Examples of the type of requirements appropriate for inclusion in the PRL are those related to the economic or geographic aspects of:
 - a. Recently promulgated decrees or trade agreements of Bloc governments;
 - b. Recent reports of intra-bloc delegation visits;
 - c. Recent reports of new Bloc credits to underdeveloped areas;
4. Examples of requirements which have been included in the past because of the somewhat lenient editorial policies of OCI but which will not be acceptable in the future are:
 - a. Report current data on oil reserves, production schedules, and construction within the petroleum industry.
 - b. Report any trade developments between Greece and the Bloc.
 - c. Give current production data of chrome ore in Albania

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As they stand, the above requirements will not meet the purpose of the PRL. However, if they could be shown to be related to some current event or new reporting and could be made sufficiently specific, they might fulfill this purpose.

5. Include for each requirement a background showing its relation to current events.

6. In order to permit maximum utility to the field it is requested that questions be classified individually.

7. Recent contributions of ORR analysts have generally reflected these policies, and branches are urged to continue submitting only those requirements which meet the criteria outlined above.

25X1A9a 8. ORR contributions should be directed to this Staff, Attention: [REDACTED] extension 4757, and should be received no later than close of business, Monday, 23 November 1959. Since this deadline is based on a firm production schedule planned by OCI, no exceptions or extensions can be granted by this Office.

9. Attached for your reference and information is a copy of the Eastern Europe PRL for 1 September - 31 December 1959.

For the Chief,
Intelligence Information Staff

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Chief, Requirements Branch
Office of Research & Reports

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